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1. The following members were present:

Mr. Dunn	State
Dr. Appleton	State
Col. Van Wyk	Army
Col. MacLean	Army
Lt. Col. Moore	Army
Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
Major Gamber	Air Force
25X1A9a [REDACTED]	CIA (Chairman)
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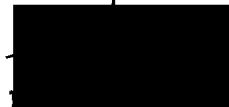
2. It was explained to the members that the preliminary gazetteer on USSR would be issued to correspond to the parts of Chapter II, but that the final gazetteer would contain all names pertaining to the NIS area as a whole. Members were asked to submit to BIG within one week the total requirements of their Agencies for preliminary gazetteers. The Navy and Air Force members stated the requirements of their Agencies: Navy -26; Air Force -25. The State member had previously stated as 15 the requirement of his Agency for gazetteers over and above those included in the NIS. Army and State are to report the requirements of their Agencies.
3. The question of the classification to be placed on NIS binders was reopened after being tabled at Meeting No. 4. The State member said that his Agency believed that the classification should be as low as possible, preferably CONFIDENTIAL. It was proposed that each chapter should be placed in a separate binder for the convenience of the researchers. This proposal was rejected, however, on the grounds of being uneconomical and not conducive to usability by others than researchers. The consensus was that, since most likely each NIS would contain some SECRET material, the binders should have the SECRET classification printed on them. Portions of the NIS of a classification lower than SECRET may be removed from the binder and used as desired. It was recognized that the work of researchers would be facilitated if they had available separate copies of sections in which they were interested. It was therefore requested that the Agencies submit to BIG their requirements for these separate sections, which will be printed in addition to regular NIS requirements. Navy and Air Force submitted their requirements: Navy - 26 of all sections; Air Force - 5 of Chapter VIII. Army and State are still to report.
4. Copies of the unofficial JCS priorities list were distributed to the members. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] promised to obtain for the members an explanation of the significance of the term "fly-over area". Army reported that the following would be finished by 1 July 1949: the

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topographical sections of Chapter II for forty-eight(48) areas; the Army portions of Chapter III for thirty-six(36) areas. Army also promised to report the progress on towns sections of Chapter II (progress follows roughly that of the topographic sections). Army stated that Army portions of Chapters IV, VI, VII, and VIII are available at any time desired. Navy reported that seven coasts and landing beaches sections of Chapter II would be finished by 1 October 1948. State and Air Force had no accomplishments to report. Army later reported that the data regarding sections of Chapters II and III require revision in that they refer only to Army's responsibility and do not take into account the responsibilities of other Agencies. Army is to render a revised report at the next meeting.

5. Army stated that, on the average, the above-mentioned accomplishments fulfilled 60% of NIS requirements for the areas concerned and that material to form the basis for fulfilling the remaining 40% is being collected. It was pointed out that, while Army's progress is commendable, it might be necessary to restrain the flow of material to BIG in order not to overstrain CIA capabilities and not to unbalance the program too greatly. It was further pointed out that the quality of NIS basic intelligence is a paramount consideration and that it might be well for Army, pending acceptance of its material by CIA, to perfect the material.
6. It was requested that the Agencies prepare listings of their capabilities in a manner similar to the listing prepared by Army. It is proposed to proceed on 20 August, on the basis of these listings, with the formulation of the NIS production schedule.

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